

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 730

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dawn Marion Abel on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Marion Abel is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2016 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Marion Abel is the director of community relations and foundations for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of her community, Ms. Abel has served as a board member of the American Red Cross of Southeast Tennessee, Chattanooga Women's Leadership Institute, Estate Planning Council of Greater Chattanooga, Tennessee Charitable Care Network, Chattanooga Downtown Rotary Club, and Planned Giving Council. She was also a board member and the marketing/public relations chair of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, a senior warden of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and the communications vice president and program vice president of the Junior League of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Dawn Abel takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Dawn Abel who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dawn Marion Abel on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State better places to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.